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Union libraries increased the volume of their books from 4,893,435 in 1950 to over 7 million in 1951. Thirteen motion picture caravans were assigned to more than 2,200 localities in order to present artistic and documentary motion pictures to union members. Approximately 1,670 athletic collectives were furnished with materials and equipment valued at over 400 million old lei. All this represents a substantial achievement in the cultural education of party and union members.

ACCELERATE COLLEGE TEACHER TRAINING -- Bucharest, Vista Sindicala, 28 Jun 52

The party is giving increasing emphasis to the need for speedier training of college professors and lecturers. The Committee for Higher Education of the Council of Ministers took steps recently to reduce the period of graduate training from 3 years to one year.

This program of studies is open to any graduate student who has a field of specialization and who has completed at least 2 years of college teaching. Admission to this accelerated course of graduate studies is granted only after the successful completion of a series of examinations, covering the following fields: field of specialization, dialectic materialism and history, Russian language, and one other foreign language -- French, German, or English.

The accelerated program covers both professional training and political indoctrination and is under the direct control of the Committee for Higher Education, the party, and the Institute of Scientific Research of the Rumanian People's Republic Academy.

TRAIN PARTY PROPAGANDISTS -- Bucharest, Scanteia, 16 Aug 52

In order to train propagandists thoroughly, the party has established two courses of party training. The long course is given during the regular school year and the short course during the summer. Both have the purpose of teaching party workers all of the basic party doctrines and of eradicating any rightist or anti-Leninist thoughts that might still linger in their minds.

The regime party committees are given the direct responsibility for the way in which party training is conducted. Lessons must be well prepared, clear, and to the point. Seminars are held to discuss the latest problems; special assistance is given to students having difficulty in grasping Stalin's teachings. The free time of the propaganda students is closely supervised by the party and their activities checked daily.

After completing their courses of qualification, the graduate propagandists are used extensively in the political agitation work conducted by the party.

INCREASE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS -- Bucharest, Scanteia, 15 Aug 52

A main aim of the party is to abolish illiteracy in Rumania. The results of the work done by party and government show that the number of illiterates decreased from 3,500,000 in 1941 to 1,022,000 in 1951. Moreover, a comparison of the 1938 scholastic year with the 1951 scholastic year shows an increase of 11.4 percent in kindergartens, 119 percent in grammar schools, 579.5 percent in 7-year pretrade schools, 172 percent in high schools, and 407 percent in the number of teachers.

Several thousand classrooms were built, other thousands were repaired, and all schools of the country were supplied with necessary supplies and the latest equipment.

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The new socialist regime of Rumania continually demands the preparation of new cadres such as metallurgists, electricians, builders, geologists, hydrologists, and agriculture experts. Therefore, the following new schools were organized in the country: 7-year schools, created as part of the socialist educational reforms; intermediate technical schools; schools of labor reserves, which train qualified industrial workers; and numerous technical institutions and universities for training scientists in all fields.

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